Governor, Delhi on compassionate grounds in deserving cases under the Authority's Resolution mentioned in reply to part 'a' above. [*See* Appendix 159, Annexure No. 26]

Derailment of Pune-Bombay Deccan Queen

883. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 14 bogies of the Bombay-bound 2124 Up Pune-Bombay Deccan Queen derailed between Monkey-Hill and Thakurli on the 13th July, 1991; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the loss of life and property?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) On 13-7-1991 at 8.43 hrs. 7 coaches of No. 2124 Up Pune-Bombay Deccan Queen Express got derailed between Monkey Hill and Thakurwadi on Pune-Kalyan section of Central Railway. There was no loss of life. Loss to railway property has been estimated at Rs. 90,000/-.

Completion of Konkan Railway Work

884. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Konkan Railway work is likely to be completed; and

(b) whether Government have any proposal to link the Konkan railway by new lines to Pune and Kohlapur?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The target for completion of the work is October, 1994.

(b) No, Sir.

Price of Levy Sugar

885. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include the transport and harvesting costs of sugarcane while fixing prices of the levy sugar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Transport and harvesting costs of sugarcane, to the extent they are included in the Statutory Minimum Price of Sugarcane and the conversion cost schedules of the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices, are taken into account for fixing the ex-factory prices of levy sugar.

Running of new Express Trains from Delhi to Bombay

886. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend a few prestigious Express Trains from Delhi, Bombay and other places, now terminating at Trivandrum, to Tuticorin keeping in view that Tuticorin is an important harbour in the South Eastern Coast and as there is Broad Gauge railway line linking Tuticorin to Trivandrum *via* Trinelvelli and Nagarcoil;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in affirmative, by when Government would propose to introduce these Express Trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The route, being circuitous, will mean longer journey and more fare for long distance passengers.

(c) Does not arise.